

Application No.: 10/563,010
Art Unit: 1793

Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111
Attorney Docket No.: 053328

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Status of Claims

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 13 and 25. Independent claims 11 and 23 are herein amended to incorporate all of the limitation of allowable claims 13 and 25, respectively. Claims 13 and 25 are herein cancelled.

Accordingly, it is submitted that all of the remaining pending claims, independent claims 11 and 23 and their respective dependent claims 12, 14, 15, 17-22, 24, and 26-32, as herein amended with the allowable subject matter, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

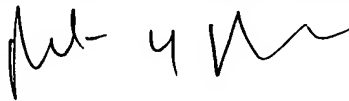
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Y. Raheja', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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